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## TOIL OF FINGER TIPS

Nym Crinkle Describes a New  
Matrimonial Agency.

## THE BUREAU OF DICTATION

How a Large Typewriting Establish-  
ment Was Managed—Talking to a  
Woman Who Can't Talk Back.Since the well-dressed secretary,  
with her hair a la Grec, has become a  
part of the furniture of every business  
office, the typewriter has developed into  
a speculative machine.Some of them, it is true, still cling to the  
concept of the shirt in tailor-made suits  
at three cents a folio, but they are dam-  
ned demure, with one eye on other  
chances. The real typewriter of the  
period is an operator, and builds the  
market.If you suppose she ticks in a corner  
all day, eats her lunch in the cor-  
ridor and pines wearily home at five  
o'clock with red eyes and sore finger  
tips, you don't know anything about  
operating.No, sir. When she gets her business  
eye on the situation it began to de-  
velop possibilities. She worked her  
finger tips just two months. Then she  
had a scheme.One thing was certain. There was  
no wealth in one machine. Another  
thing was evident—the machine was  
only one factor in the business—girl  
was another.Genius seized the idea. She rented  
a small suite in a swell downtown  
building, furnished it on installments.  
Had a private office, got together a  
dozen pretty girls, put up a sign and  
waited.

AT THE UP-TOWN OFFICE FOR LADIES.

The aroma of it permeated the whole  
building. For a week loveliness in all  
degrees of witchery went up and down  
stairs and drifted into one door. Young  
lawyers, patent agents, trade paper  
editors, insurance men, patent commis-  
sioners, matrimonial brokers, stock job-  
bers, syndicates and real estate agents  
sniffed a new atmosphere. A super-  
stitions notion spread insensibly that  
behind that door there must be a kind  
of reservoir of girl. Bubbling bursts of  
soprano came out at times when the  
door was opened and pealed seriously  
through the grim corridors and tapped at  
the other glass doors of the sober  
offices and then stopped suddenly.  
Black stockings fitted and white  
skirts flashed at times on the stairways,  
as if they were frightened and were  
hurrying into that safe retreat.The boss typewriter watched the  
progress of events through one clear  
little pane in the cathedral door of her  
private office. She was complacent,  
patient and self-assured. She noted  
the change that was slowly working.  
Nobody cursed loudly on that floor  
now, and some of the young lawyers  
got new neckties. She noticed, too,  
that some of them began to go out  
about the time the girls went to lunch,  
and they slipped up very obviously. So  
she smiled. Shrewd woman, that. She  
paid her girls a small salary while they  
were doing nothing. It was an invest-  
ment.But let us do justice to the feminine  
mind. When work began to come in  
she paid them three cents a folio.And charged five! Selah!  
This is business! And she only took  
her gloves off to sign receipts.Did it come in?  
Well, she put up an additional sign  
when the time was ripe: "Personal dic-  
tation, with choice of secretary, one  
cent a folio extra."Did it come in? Why, then, grew up  
such an absurd mania for dictating  
everything in that building that the  
ladies did up and bladders ceased  
from troubling.Did you ever try dictating to a girl in  
a spring dress? What a profound  
sense of luxury to see the white fingers  
galloping over the keys—doing all the  
walking, so to speak, while you laid  
back and just breathed easily. Epi-  
taphic drudgery is thus converted into  
a voluptuous panorama. Then the  
ethical basis of it, as Mr. McFlower  
would say, if you ever read over the  
dictated letters, long afterward you  
must have been struck with their im-  
perfection, in a moral sense, to your  
written letters. No dummies in them.  
No side allusions; no consciousness. They  
got to be quite Chesterfieldian, now,  
didn't they? And, then, they were so  
much more deliberate and covered theground so much more exhaustively.  
You detected sooner or later that dic-  
tating cured the infamous American  
habit of hurry and impatience. Some-  
times, it is true, when you were mak-  
ing a volume out of a brief business  
letter, and were watching the two sup-  
ple wrists, and studying the side face  
that couldn't watch you, for it had to  
keep its eyes on the key board, she  
would look round naively, with just a  
trifle of a quirk in the corner of her  
right eye, and say: "Pardon me, but  
you have said that twice already." And  
then, if you had you write about you,  
you would remark: "Have I? Well,  
confound it, we must do it all over."The amiability of the queen bee her-  
self there in her private office on those  
occasions was admirable. She allowed  
you to try it over all day.

For she charged you by the hour.

Dictation got to be a sort of  
prophagey in that building. There was  
one old ruddy-faced fellow who gave  
way to the habit so recklessly that his  
friends had to interfere, and put him in  
an asylum. There were also two  
young men in one small office with  
their desks back to back. They were  
partners, and they had a tiff and did  
not speak for a month. So they wrote  
letters to each other from the two  
desks. One of them would rush down  
into the dictating department and ex-  
ecute a high-toned reproach of the  
blonde pattern, and sent it up by mes-  
senger. Then he would go back to his  
desk and the messenger would come in  
shortly afterward and deliver it to his  
companion. Presently there would be  
a noisy shoving of the chair, and the  
recipient of the letter would go out,  
slamming the door after him, and dic-  
tate a sharp reprimand reply downstairs  
and call another messenger. This  
went on until the dictation plan was  
inadequate to express their contempt  
for each other in the appropriate terms,  
and then they made up.It was after the bureau of dictation  
had been running a year that I made  
the acquaintance of the directress.  
She came down town every day to her  
office in a coupe. She received cus-  
tomers (clients she called them) in her  
elegant furnished parlor. To get any  
farther than that was business. You  
could hear the tantalizing click in the  
other room, but the business had to  
be done here in the ante-chamber. I  
could not sufficiently admire the or-  
ganizing mind that had made type-  
writing a system, and after I had com-  
plimented her she told me some of the  
peculiarities of the business. "In the  
first place," said she, "man is a dic-  
tating animal, and in all conditions of  
life, from the Indian chief, who makes  
his wife carry the household effects  
while he marches ahead with his rifle,  
to the bank president, he likes to dic-  
tate to a woman. There is some kind  
of fascination in the sound of his own  
voice, when he knows a woman must  
listen and cannot talk back. In the  
second place, there is some kind of sat-  
isfaction to a woman in the knowledge

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that she doesn't have to talk back. It  
preserves for her the mystery which  
the man can never penetrate. He may  
think his eloquence, his business, his  
resources, his voice, have made an im-  
pression. She says: "He never can tell  
certainly, for I am mute.""But," I asked, "are there not oc-  
casionally men who have only the seri-  
ous purpose of accomplishing their  
business in employing dictation?"  
"O yes," she replied, "some business  
of that nature would probably get  
mixed up with it. But we are inclined  
to regard it as a luxury mainly, which  
men are willing to pay for.""A sentimental luxury?"  
"Not entirely. It's an intellectual  
luxury. One always finds great men-  
tal relief from any kind of worry by  
dictating it aloud. I have clients who  
dictate their private family affairs, and  
always feel better when they are  
sure one person at least has listened to  
them.""I should think," I remarked, "that  
your scheme, if what you say is true,  
would meet with more patronage from  
women than men."  
"I have extended it to meet their re-  
quirements," she replied. "I have  
opened an up-town branch for ladies  
only. There is a constantly increasing  
number of women who have an  
overwhelming desire to be heard.  
Dictation is a great relief, and they  
are willing to pay for it. Of course, I  
employ men typewriters for that  
branch, and it is astonishing  
what volume some of these women  
will talk when they have a man pen-  
ning under their thumb. I charge some  
of them two dollars an hour, and there  
are several who never take their ownaway. But, as a rule, while the male  
writers are more reliable they are not  
as profitable. They cost more and do  
not draw generally.""What do you mean by being more  
reliable?""I mean that as soon as the women  
establish a good line of business for  
me they get married and stop. It is a  
peculiarity of men that they can get  
married without stopping."She said this with a slight disdain  
and I came away.I was feeling rather blue about a  
week later, and thought I would take  
a friend's advice and try a little dic-  
tation. So I went down to my small  
directress.But I found that a patent medicine  
man had her place, and the elevator  
boy told me that she had got married  
herself and had gone to Florence.

NYM CRINKLE.

## A SURGICAL TRIUMPH.

Doctors Extract a Bean from the Lung of  
a Child.In the amphitheater of the Massachu-  
setts general hospital, Boston, one of  
the operating surgeons, Dr. John W.  
Elliot, showed a little child about three  
years old who had labeled a bean into  
the lung, and on whom an operation  
was performed for its removal.  
The operation was performed a few  
days ago, and has proved remarkably  
successful. The bean, which was of the  
ordinary size of a white bean, had been  
inhaled into the right bronchus, and,  
as the right lung was thus shut off  
from receiving its proper amount of air,  
the danger of broncho-pneumonia with  
a fatal termination became imminent  
and treacherous was performed. The  
incision, about an inch long, was made  
in the median line of the neck, and  
after going through the superficial  
structures of that part the trachea  
was reached and incised in a vertical  
line.The incision was made large enough  
to admit a very long and slender pair  
of forceps, which were carefully passed  
down the trachea and into the right  
bronchus. A short distance below  
where the windpipe divides the ends of  
the forceps it touched the bean, which  
was firmly lodged. Grasping the bean

EXTRACTING THE BEAN

with the forceps, the surgeon broke off  
a small bit of the offending substance  
and withdrew it.Three attempts resulted in getting  
only small particles. It had become  
softened, and the soft part of the bron-  
chus had swollen and closed in about  
it. The next attempt was more suc-  
cessful. The fine teeth of the head of  
the forceps buried themselves in the  
substance of the bean, and with careful  
manipulation it was extracted.Immediately relief was experienced  
by the little sufferer, and to-day the  
child is practically well.

## The Dogma of a Mouse.

Mrs. Edgerton, of 207 Mountain  
avenue, Bismarck, N. D., had a thrilling  
adventure in her own home and is suf-  
fering from a nervous shock in con-  
sequence. The particulars of the unfor-  
tunate affair are interesting. It seems  
that Mrs. Edgerton, while going up-  
stairs, saw a mouse run behind a bar-  
red. Her cries were heard by the hired  
man, who hastened to the scene, armed  
with his gun and followed by his faith-  
ful bulldog. Mrs. Edgerton then spoke  
courage and poked the barrel with her  
broom. The mouse ran out, the dog  
started in pursuit, the hired man fired,  
the dog dropped dead, Mrs. Edgerton  
fainted, and the hired man, thinking he  
had killed her and that he would be ar-  
rested for murder, took to his heels and  
has not been heard of since. The mouse  
escaped.

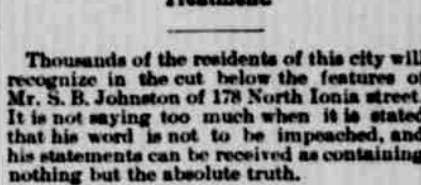
## No Had Evidence.

The man had been to see a presti-  
digiator and when he came home he  
was telling his wife about it.  
"One of his acts," he said, "was to  
cut a woman's head off right on the  
stage in front of all of us."  
"Phaw," she protested, "he didn't  
cut her head off."  
"Yes, he did, too. I saw him, and he  
carried it over to a pedestal and it be-  
gan talking.""How do you know it was a woman?"  
"Didn't I see her?"  
"It might have been a man or a boy  
dressed like a woman.""No it wasn't, either. I tell you, it  
was a woman. Didn't I say it kept on  
talking after its head was cut off?"—  
Detroit Free Press.

## One Good Turn Deserves Another.

Husband—But I don't want to quit  
showering tobacco.  
Wife—I gave up my weeds for you,  
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me.—Kate Field's Washington.

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